

Amity Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2016

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

Chairperson Kim McGrath called the August 17, 2016 meeting of the Amity Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Township Municipal Building, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, to order at 7:00PM. The following were in attendance:

SUPERVISORS

Kim McGrath, Chairperson
Richard Gokey, Vice Chair
Paul Weller
Terry Jones
David Hackett

STAFF

Troy Bingaman, Manager
Brian Boland, Kozloff/Stoudt Attorneys
John Weber, LTL Consultants
Andrew Kensey, Chief of Police
Pamela Kisch, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. McGrath announced Nathan John Bonslaver and Dakota W. Lauer, Boy Scout Troop #597, were elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout. Nathan painted the inside of the Butch Boyer Memorial Pavilion for his Eagle Scout Project. Dakota cleared along a horse trail and built a campfire area at Shady Hollow Assisted Riding in Birdsboro for his Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Hackett will present both Eagle Scouts with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

MINUTES

Mr. Weller moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to approve the minutes of August 3, 2016. Motion passed, 5-0.

FINANCE

Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to approve the following disbursements:

\$ 102,438.16 General Fund
\$ 5,986.16 Fire Fund
\$ 15,937.08 Sewer Fund
\$ 27,213.47 EDU Fund
\$ 31,568.85 Liquid Fuels Fund
\$ 183,143.72 Total

The Board reviewed the Overtime by Department and Treasurer Reports.

REPORTS

Fire Companies - The Board reviewed the Monarch and Amity Fire Company reports. Chief Mike Zomolsky reported the Amity Fire Company financial reports were not included, due to issues arising from the change from National Penn Bank to BB&T. Monarch Fire Company was not present.

Planning Commission - Mr. Bingaman reported the Zoning Hearing Board held a hearing on August 15, 2016 to deliberate on applications submitted by Robert Snyder/PA Farm Table Company, Richard Galada/Galada Taxidermy, and Detweiler Properties, LLC/Evolution Powersports. The ZHB granted the variances requested by all three applicants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conditional Use – Barry Shirey Turkey Farm – At 7:06PM, Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to adjourn to executive session to review comments and final paperwork. Motion passed, 5-0.

At 7:19PM, Mr. Weller moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to reconvene the meeting. Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Boland read the Order and Decision, stating the Board of Supervisors of Amity Township finds the applicant, Barry Shirey, meets the requirements of the Amity Township Zoning Ordinance for the two 63' x 700' turkey houses use of the Subject Property, subject to nineteen conditions. Mr. Boland reviewed each of the conditions set forth in the Decision and Order. Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the Decision and Order and approve of the conditions set forth within. Motion passed, 5-0. A fully executed copy of the Decision and Order will be mailed to each Party of Interest. For those parties who were represented by legal counsel, their copy will be sent to their respective attorneys. Mr. Boland explained appeals may be filed within 30 days of the decision. Mr. Shirey thanked the Board for providing him the opportunity to farm in Amity Township.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Boland recommended allowing Concord Public Finance to propose rates for refinancing of the 2012 Series of Bonds due to plummeting interest rates. Mr. Bingaman was contacted by another firm who offered to submit a proposal for refinancing. The Board was in favor of allowing both firms to submit proposals for refinancing the 2012 Series of Bonds.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Escrow Release #2 for Highmeadows Phase 3, Section II - Based upon on-site inspections by LTL Consultants and Entech, Mr. Weber recommended a release of \$343,565.19. Mr. Weller moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to authorize Release #2 for Highmeadows Phase 3, Section II in the amount of \$343,565.19, per LTL's letter dated August 11, 2016. Motion passed, 5-0.

Woods Edge 3B Streets Dedication - Mr. Weber reported there has been a few items completed from the punch list, however, to date much of the list remains incomplete.

Salt Shed Construction - Mr. Weber issued a Notice to Proceed last week, after receiving updated paperwork from Paul Risk Associates, t/b/d/a Agpoint. The contractor plans on setting walls on Monday, August 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal Contract Extension- Mr. Bingaman stated the Roadmaster has recommended extending the snow removal contract with Dave Klein. The current contract allows for (2) one-year extensions if mutually agreeable with the Township and Contractor. Mr. Jones asked if the contract would be extended at the current rates. The contract signed stated “Contract extensions will be invoiced at above rates plus 5% for each extension”. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to extend the contract for one year, conditioned upon the execution of an updated contract and contractor’s fee schedule. Motion passed, 5-0.

EMPLOYEE/OFFICIAL REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Capacity Issues at PS2 – Entech investigated options to remedy capacity issues at PS2, following the review of the flow metering work. The previous design by ARRO was to add a third pump to serve as a back-up and allow the two pumps to run simultaneously, however Entech has determined that will not be enough based upon the flow meter data. Entech recommended confirming whether the existing pumps have a 244mm impeller or the smaller 235mm impeller. With the larger 244mm impellers, Entech calculated that the existing pumps would be sufficient if the force main was enlarged from 8 inches to 14 inches. A survey will need to be completed from the PS2 wet well to the discharge manhole, which will provide the force main length and discharge invert to allow confirmation of the pump calculations. Entech requested permission to proceed with the revision to the design and submit the same to the PADEP, along with a revised Water Quality Permit Application package. Mr. Jones stated he’d like clarification on the size of the impeller before authorizing the expense. Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to authorize Entech to confirm the impeller size and resubmit the required information to the PADEP. Motion passed. 5-0.

Lagoon Cleaning & Lining Project – P&H Senesac submitted their first draw for mobilization and dewatering. The cleaning portion of the project is approximately fifty percent complete. Sludge has been detected between the two existing liners, which would indicate there is a tear in the liner. The Manager stated Entech anticipates a change order will be submitted for labor to cut the liner and remove the sludge from underneath the liner.

Amity Community Park License Committee – The License Committee Meeting was held on August 15th. Mr. Gokey and Staff met with Casey Blankenbiller and George Schmidt from Daniel Boone School District. Scheduling of fields at ACP will be handled by the Township via Outlook, with calendars being shared with all parties that need access. Fields were sprayed for grubs and fertilized earlier this month. The School plans to edge the infields this fall. Improvements will be made to the football turf at ACP; which will allow scheduled practices and games to be played at ACP, rather than on the artificial turf at the High School. The School District Administration is considering charging all users of School District facilities a \$35.00/per hour fee for custodial services during events. The School will be replacing some lights and agreed to re-lamp the tennis courts.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Kensey announced the Amity Township Police Department has been designated as an “***Internet Purchase Exchange Location***”. Two parking spaces will be posted with signage and be under 24-hour recorded surveillance. The Board commended the Chief for implanting a program that will provide a safe place for residents to make exchanges. The Amity Township Lioness Club will be purchasing a ***new ballistics vest for Officer Kenneth Moyer***, in the amount of \$1,079.00, as a small token of their appreciation for a job well done. The Chief stated it’s recommended that the vests be

replaced every five years. Chief Kensey requested a brief executive session, with no intent to return, to discuss matters of Police Personnel and operations.

SUPERVISORS

Mr. Weller was contacted by a resident who requested assistance in obtaining the commemorative plaque that was dedicated in honor of their family member and placed on the Main Street Bridge. PennDOT has scheduled the bridge to be replaced. The resident would be interested in requesting the plaque be given to the family. Mr. Weller visited the bridge, as did the Engineer, and could not locate the plaque. John Groff, Earl Township, suggested contacting the Historical Society. Mr. Weller will provide the resident's contact information to PennDOT and the Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Cooper, Limekiln Road, commended the Board of Supervisors for their approval of the Conditional Use for the Shirey Turkey Farm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51PM, with no further business, Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Gokey to adjourn to executive session for discussion regarding matters of Police Personnel and operations, with no intent to return. Motion passed, 5-0. Meeting Adjourned at 7:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela L. Kisch
Township Secretary